Private security agencies

†40. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that multinational spying and security agencies have expanded their market throughout the country in absence of any kind of rule/law for such private agencies/security agencies in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such multinational spying and security agencies functioning in the country at present;

(c) whether the decision of hiring services of such private spying and security agencies by Government in the said situation is appropriate; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) An Act namely 'The Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005' has been brought into force with effect from 15.3.2006 in order to regulate the various private security agencies functioning in country.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Lapse in security of Prime Minister during his visit to Kerala

41. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during a recent visit of the Prime Minister to Kerala a serious security lapse occurred when the lead driver of the PM's convoy from the Thiruvananthapuram airport to Raj Bhawan strayed from the prescribed route;

(b) if so, the details of the incident;

(c) whether it is true that a "tourist taxi driver" and not a regular policeman, was driving the pilot vehicle;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.